

Public Notice

Annual Synar Report 2013

The purpose of the Synar Survey is to randomly survey licensed tobacco retailers across North Dakota to check compliance with laws that prohibit the sale of tobacco products to minors. ***This is not an enforcement activity***; it is a check on compliance.

2013 Synar Results

Tobacco retailer violation rate	14.0%
<i>Weighted</i> tobacco retailer violation rate	14.1%
# of attempts by minors to purchase tobacco	215
# of successful attempts by minors to purchase tobacco	30
# of counties in which successful attempts were made	17

Successful Attempts by Minors to Purchase Tobacco by Location

Western North Dakota	18
Eastern North Dakota	12
Total	30

The Synar Survey has been conducted for the past 17 years. All 50 states and nine jurisdictions (American Samoa, District of Columbia, Guam, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, Palau, and the Virgin Islands) currently participate.

The Synar amendment requires that states maintain a noncompliance rate at or below 20 percent, or they could lose up to 40 percent of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment block grant funding. North Dakota receives approximately \$5.5 million annually in block grant funding.

Since Federal Fiscal Year 2006, all 50 states plus the District of Columbia have been in compliance with the Synar amendment.

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